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SUBJECT: STATUS OF OIL OPERATIONS IN EASTERN ME

1. INDUSTRY SOURCES REPORT EAST MED CRUDE LOADINGS
HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED AS FOLLOWS:

BANIAS - TOTAL SHUTDOWN FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD,
12 STORAGE TANKS ON FIRE (THIS LIMITS MAXIMUM
THEORETICAL PIPELINE FLOW TO TRIPOLI TO 600,000 B/D.

SIDON - THRUPUT DROPPING FROM 500,000 TO
250,000 B/D AND PERHAPS BELOW. EARLIER, NORMAL STOCKS
HAD BEEN REDUCED BY HALF BUT MORE RECENTLY STOCKS
ABNORMALLY HIGH OWING TO ABSENCE OF ANY TANKER
NOMINATIONS WHATSOEVER.

TRIPOLI - THRUPUT HAD DROPPED TO 200,000 B/D BUT
MAY GO UP TO 350-400,000 B/D (240,000 B/D KIRKUT,
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110,000 B/D AINZALAH) WITH RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS BY

ANOTHER SYRIAN PUMPING STATION PREVIOUSLY SHUT DOWN FOR
BLACKOUT PURPOSES. ONE INDUSTRY SOURCE IS CONCERNED
ABOUT REPORT LEBANESE MAY REQUIRE INCREASE IN MINIMUM
STOCK REQUIREMENT.

KHORAL AMAYA - THRUPUT NORMAL DESPITE IRAQI
NATIONALIZATION OF MOBIL AND EXXON INTEREST IN
BPC (160,000 B/D). PETROBAS TANKER JEKUITABAH DESTINED
FOR RIO ALREADY LOADED WITH FIRST SHIPMENT OF
NATIONALIZED OIL, 120,000 TONS ACCORDING TO IRAQI RADIO.

2. INDUSTRY SOURCES NOTE SITUATION CHANGING HOURLY
AND UNABLE TO SPECULATE ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

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